Energy from small Hydro Power Projects

1413. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether energy from Small Hydro Power (SHP) is the most reliable for all renewable energy sources which can provide electricity for the rural remote areas and hilly teriran in our country in a cost effective and environmentally benign manner, and

(b) if so, the measures taken for using the SHP to provide electricity in rural, remote and hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Small hydro-power (SHP) is one among the energies available from renewable resources having its own advantages and risk factors, which are location and site specific.

(b) The Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources is providing Central financial assistance for the preparation of detailed project reports and setting up of SHP projects, with the assistance level going upto 90 per cent of system bench-mark costs restricted to Rs. 18,000/ household for distributed generation in remote villages not likely to receive grid-connectivity under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana.

Budget Allocation for the Ministry

†1414. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to this Ministry during 2001-02 to 2005-06, financial year-wise;

(b) the amount spent by his Ministry during those years; and

(c) whether the amount allocated was not utilized by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) The Year-wise details of the amount allocated to the Ministry at BE and RE stages and the actual expenditure incurred by it during 2001-02 to 2005-06 are given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.